

### **As Queer folk in Community**

1.

As Queer folk in community, we share our woes with peers.

We learn the pain that God's Child felt: rejection, scorn and tears.

While we embrace close friends whose angst's unheard in steadfast pews,

you must remember our deep need to voice our diff'rent views.

2.

This battle we prepare to wage is one of love and peace.

Discerning need in tender hearts, we'll not retreat or cease.

We'll sing a song of hope and joy when work is fully done.

Until that time, we'll journey on with Christ, the Patient One.

3.

Beside a fence, in city parks, we are crucified,

but no disdainful words of hate and fear force us to hide.

We'll preach resilience from our souls though deep within we cry,

and pledge this oath to everyone: our time is drawing nigh.

4.

In lands around this ancient earth the faith heads are afraid

that we are holy, fearfully and wonderfully made.

A rainbow banner calls us forth, demanding your respect.

If we are welcome relatives, engage us and connect.

5.

When Pride Parades have all been walked, and banners are all furled,

together we will join in praise and build a righteous world.

We drink the wine, we break the bread; our faith and dreams we share.

In Christ's bright flame we proudly sing and let our love-light flare.

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